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Network Objects using a  
Configurable Platform-  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION OF  
FEBRUARY 10, 2005**

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Action of February 10, 2005, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.